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## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

**November 10, 2015**

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### **Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen**

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November 10, 2015 meeting**



Branson Utility Department employee Wendell Rackley was recognized by the Board of Aldermen as the November Employee of the Month for the City of Branson. Alderman Bob Simmons presented Rackley with a plaque at the start of the Board of Alderman Meeting.

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Rackley has been employed with the City for one year. He has earned his Class D Waste Water Treatment License from the Department of Natural Resources. He displays the City of Branson Values of Teamwork & Cooperation, Excellences, and Service and Courtesy.

### **CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS**

#### **Parks: Vending Services**

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving the renewal of a contract with Ozarks Coca-Cola / Dr. Pepper Bottling Company for Vending Services. This contract is for the resale of Coke products in the concession stands.

**Parks: Campground Coin Operated Laundry**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with John Morris Equipment Company for furnishing and maintaining coin-operated laundry equipment in the City Campground.

**Parks: Mowing and Weed Eating for City of Branson Properties**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Prolawn & Landscape LLC pertaining to mowing and weed eating for the City of Branson.

**Parks: Trash Removal and Disposal Services**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of WCA Waste Corporation pertaining to trash removal and disposal services. This is for seven sites including City Hall and Parks Facilities.

**Parks: Agriculture Supplies for Parks Facilities**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of BWI of Springfield pertaining to the purchase of agriculture supplies. This includes supplies such as grass seed and fertilizer.

**Parks: Concession Supplies for Parks Facilities**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Reinhart Food Service pertaining to the purchase of concession supplies used in Park Facilities. These are items for resale in the concession stands.

**Planning: Adoption of ICC Codes and Local Amendments**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Articles I through IX, Sections 22-1 through 22-217 of the Branson Municipal Code and adopting the 2015 International Building Code, 2015 International Existing Building Code, 2014 National Electrical Code, 2006 International Electrical Code Administrative Provisions, 2015 International Mechanical Code, 2015 International Residential Code, 2015 International Plumbing Code, 2015 International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and 2015 International Fuel Gas Code.

**Fire: Adoption of 2015 International Fire Code and Local Amendments**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-61 and Section 38-62 of the Branson Municipal Code and adopting the 2015 International Fire Code. The codes are similar with one particular change in the local amendments focused on safety when utilizing tents as temporary structures.

**Fire: Outdoor Warning Siren Replacement**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Outdoor Warning Consulting, LLC., for the replacement of two outdoor warning sirens that were destroyed by lightning.

**Engineering: Street Vacation**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a street vacation for a portion of Judy Street. The vacation is from the east side of the Presley Theater to Francis Streets and will assist with the design of the Spirit of 76 Project.

**Engineering: Contract Renewal for Employee Uniforms, Mats, and Shop Towels**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with Cintas Corporation pertaining to the rental of uniforms, mats and shop towels for the City's Public Works, Parks and Utilities Departments.

**Engineering: Glass Recycling**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the agreement between the City of Branson, Taney County, and Ripple Glass, LLC. Over 150 tons of glass has been recycled to date in 2015.

**Engineering: Household Chemical Transport and Disposal**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the renewal of the contract with Tradebe Treatment and Recycling, LLC pertaining to the transport and disposal of household chemical collections. This is a shared program with Taney County, Forsyth and Hollister.

**Engineering: Complete Streets Project**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving contract Amendment No. 3 to the agreement for professional consultant services between the City of Branson and CFS Engineers, P.A. for the Highway 76 Complete Street Project. This contract is focused on communications with the public regarding the Spirit of 76 project including the use of social media and the Branson Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Bureau.

**Public Works: Electrical Maintenance Contract**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Bill's Electric, Inc. pertaining to the electrical maintenance and repairs at various city buildings. This contract covers electric maintenance and repairs for 2016 with three additional renewal years available.

**Public Works: Salt Barn Project**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a Change Order with A.T. Urban Development, Inc. pertaining to the Salt Barn Storage Facility Walls Project. The change order is for curb and gutter work at the project.

**Utilities: Biosolids and Wastewater Analysis**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of PDC Laboratories for Biosolids and Wastewater Analysis for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities. This analysis is for water samples and quality control analysis for the wastewater.

**Utilities: Wastewater Treatment Chemicals**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Nichem Company for the purchase of activated carbon utilized for odor control at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Contract amount is for \$21,000.

**Human Resources: Employee Health Insurance**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the 2016 Medical Insurance Premiums from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the City of Branson. The quote reflects a 5% increase to the City.

**Human Resources: Employee Life Insurance**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the 2016 Life & AD&D Insurance Premiums from Anthem Life Insurance Company for the City of Branson. The amount negotiated is a flat rate from the current year.

**Human Resources: Employee Dental Insurance**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving the 2016 Dental Insurance Premiums from Delta Dental for the City of Branson. The quote reflects a 5% increase to the City.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1<sup>st</sup> Readings and public hearings)****Engineering: Speed Limit Changes**

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending Section 86-62 of the Branson Municipal Code pertaining to Schedule II: Speed limits. Speed limit changes will be made on portions of Fall Creek Road.

**Update on the Taney County Airport**

Mark Parent, the director of the Taney County Airport, gave an update on the facility operations. Mr. Parent referenced a Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) study on the economic impact the airport makes on the community. MoDOT estimates 11,000 flight operations annually (5,500 arrivals & 5,500 departures). The Taney County Airport is ranked 14 of the 99 municipal airports in the State for positive Economic Impact. MoDOT estimates approximately 34 million dollars is generated across Taney County. The airport serves private & corporate aircraft, military, medical helicopters, plus more.

**Finance: Reimbursement to the Taney County Airport**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a reimbursement agreement between the City of Branson and the Taney County Airport. The amount of the reimbursement is \$10,000.

**Update on the Third Quarter Financials**

Finance Director Jamie Rouch gave an update on the third quarter financials for the City of Branson.

**Finance: 2016 Budget**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the adoption of the budget for 2016. This includes the Operating Budget, 5 Year Capital Program, Employee Insurance Rates, Pay/Merit Plan and the Reserve Policy.

**Finance: Tourism Fund Budget Amendment for 2015**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving an amendment to the 2015 budget from the tourism fund. This authorizes a \$23,558.16 payment to the Branson Airport Transportation Development District for the second billing of 2015.

**Clerk: Municipal Code (MuniCode) Enacting New City Code**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the adoption and enacting a new code for the City. This is the “MuniCode” project focused on the review and improvement in clarity and consistency of the City’s codes.

**Utilities: Purchase of Operational Chemicals for Water and Wastewater Treatment**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving Bills 4833, 4834, 4835, 4836 to purchase operational chemicals used in the City’s water and wastewater treatment processes. The contracts cover approximately \$202,000 for the chemical purchase.

**Utilities: Mowing and Weed Eating**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Prolawn and Landscape for mowing and weed eating for the Utilities Department. The contract amount is estimated not to exceed \$19,360.00.

**Utilities: Generator Service and Maintenance**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Central Power for scheduled maintenance, testing, routine and emergency repairs for the 29 emergency generators serving the Utilities Department facilities such as lift stations. The contract amount is not to exceed \$18,500 for 2016.

**Parks: Don Gardner Golf Course Maintenance**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Green Side Up Lawn Care pertaining to the maintenance of the Don Gardner Golf Course. The contract amount is estimated at \$39,450.00 for mowing, fertilizers, irrigation system maintenance and landscaping.

**Parks: Construction of Retaining Wall at John Nygard Memorial Park**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Prolawn and Landscape pertaining to the installation of a retaining wall at the John Nygard Memorial Park. The cost to remove an older 1940's era wall and constructing a new pre-cast concrete wall is \$27,000.

**I.T.: Cody Computer Software**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a contract with Cody Computer Systems for Police Records Management Software and Maintenance. This maintenance contract has a cost of \$39,648.05.

**Engineering: Street Parking Time Limit Enforcement**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending City code pertaining to parking time limits on certain City Streets. Currently, enforcement of parking time limits are set at 2 hours. This amendment will allow for enforcement of parking time limits for other set amounts, example 3 or 4 hours.

**Engineering: Parking Time Limit on Second Street**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending City Code to allow parking on Second Street north of College Street to go from 2 hour parking to 4 hour parking. This amendment has been proposed to the Board at the request of a nearby business with the suggestion to increase the parking time limit.

**Engineering: Annual Fuel Supply Contract**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Tri-Lakes Petroleum Company for the purchase of motor vehicle fuel. This contract provides for a \$0.10 per gallon mark-up based on a five day cost average for fuel – an industry standard.

**Engineering: Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Project**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a contract with Visu-Sewer of Missouri pertaining to the wastewater collection system rehabilitation project. This process lines older sewer lines to make a hard, strong, jointless system that is resistant to tree root penetration.

**Public Works: Street Maintenance Asphalt Supplies**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Tablerock Asphalt Construction Company for the purchase of certain road maintenance supplies including pug rock, chips, black base, rock and hot mix asphalt. The contract is set to not exceed \$42,000.

**Engineering: Lift Station 21**

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Davis Structure & Development Corporation pertaining to the Lift Station 21 Equalization Basin Project. This lift station is located near 165 Highway and Illinois Street. The contract amount is for \$1,320,289.00.

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